

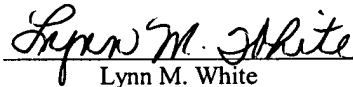


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TO EXAMINER'S ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 20, 2005**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 20, 2005, having a period for response set to expire on March 20, 2006. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

Amendments to the Specification appear on page 2 of this paper; amendments to the claims begin on page 3 of this paper; Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.